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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	SEPTEMBER 1985	AUGUST 1985	JULY 1985	SEPTEMBER 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,721	12,655	12,710	12,614
Total civilian employment	11,757	11,733	11,799	11,592
Total unemployment	964	922	911	1,022
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	7.6	7.3	7.2	8.1
Range[b]	7.0–8.2	6.7–7.9	6.6–7.8	7.5–8.7
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.4
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,691	12,802	12,877	12,585
Total civilian employment	11,799	11,869	11,884	11,637
Total unemployment	892	933	993	948
Unadjusted rate (percent)	7.0	7.3	7.7	7.5
Range[b]	6.4–7.6	6.7–7.9	7.1–8.3	6.9–8.1

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was 7.6 percent. This is a 0.3 percentage point increase from last month, but 0.5 percentage points below the rate in September of 1984. The number of people with jobs increased by 24,000 over the month and is 165,000 higher than it was a year ago. The number of people employed in California totaled 11,757,000 in September, compared with 11,733,000 in August, and 11,592,000 in September 1984. Unemployment totaled 964,000 in September, compared with 922,000 in August and 1,022,000 in September of last year. The national seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percent to 7.1 percent in September 1985.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 98,600 during September to 10,919,900 — a new record high. A large part of the increase was seasonal as schools reopened. Four industry divisions added jobs in September and set new employment records. The services sector added 14,300 over the month. Employment in wholesale trade grew by 2,000 while employment in the finance, insurance and real estate industry increased by 900 jobs. Employment in construction is up by 700 during September. Since September of 1984, total nonagricultural employment has increased by 247,100 employees.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	SEPTEMBER 1985	AUGUST 1985	JULY 1985	SEPTEMBER 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,691	12,802	12,877	12,585
Employed	11,799	11,869	11,844	11,637
Unemployed	892	933	993	948
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.3	7.7	7.5
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,776	6,731	6,744	6,730
Employed	6,379	6,310	6,338	6,256
Unemployed	397	421	406	474
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.3	6.0	7.1
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,156	5,216	5,153	5,078
Employed	4,812	4,862	4,816	4,756
Unemployed	345	354	337	323
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.4
Both Sexes, Age 16—19				
Labor Force	759	854	981	776
Employed	608	696	730	625
Unemployed	151	158	250	151
Unemployment Rate	19.8	18.5	25.5	19.4
White				
Labor Force	10,832	10,869	10,922	10,647
Employed	10,088	10,111	10,146	9,908
Unemployed	744	759	777	740
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.0	7.1	6.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,859	1,933	1,954	1,938
Employed	1,711	1,758	1,738	1,729
Unemployed	148	175	217	208
Unemployment Rate	8.0	9.0	11.1	10.8

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS 2/ OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984	Aug. 1985	July 1985	Aug. 1984
California	$406.21	$402.56	$394.36	40.1	39.7	40.2	$10.13	$10.14	$9.81

2/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR SEPTEMBER PRELMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH SEPTEMBER 85	PREVIOUS MONTH AUGUST 85	YEAR AGO SEPTEMBER 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,919.9	10,821.3	10,672.8	98.6	247.1	0.9	2.3
Mining	49.4	50.0	49.6	−0.6	−0.2	−1.2	−0.4
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	41.1	41.7	41.3	−0.6	−0.2	−1.4	−0.5
Nonmetal Mining	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	485.2	484.5	467.0	0.7	18.2	0.1	3.9
General Building Contractors	129.4	130.1	123.7	−0.7	5.7	−0.5	4.6
Heavy Construction	63.9	64.1	67.0	−0.2	−3.1	−0.3	−4.6
Special Trade Contractors	291.9	290.3	276.3	1.6	15.6	0.6	5.6
Manufacturing	2,086.6	2,088.9	2,085.8	−2.3	0.8	−0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	667.6	670.2	664.2	−2.6	3.4	−0.4	0.5
Durable Goods	1,419.0	1,418.7	1,421.6	0.3	−2.6	0.0	−0.2
Food and Kindred	203.5	207.7	198.2	−4.2	5.3	−2.0	2.7
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.6	5.8	5.8	−0.2	−0.2	−3.4	−3.4
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	80.9	87.5	75.6	−6.6	5.3	−7.5	7.0
Other Food and Kindred Products	117.0	114.4	116.8	2.6	0.2	2.3	0.2
Textile Mill Products	14.5	14.4	14.1	0.1	0.4	0.7	2.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	104.3	103.4	107.1	0.9	−2.8	0.9	−2.6
Paper and Allied Products	38.4	38.2	38.9	0.2	−0.5	0.5	−1.3
Printing and Publishing	141.1	140.5	136.7	0.6	4.4	0.4	3.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.8	63.7	63.8	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.2	28.4	29.5	−0.2	−1.3	−0.7	−4.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.9	65.1	67.9	−0.2	−3.0	−0.3	−4.4
Leather and Leather Products	8.9	8.8	8.0	0.1	0.9	1.1	11.2
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	56.6	56.8	56.6	−0.2	0.0	−0.4	0.0
Furniture and Fixtures	59.3	58.8	59.4	0.5	−0.1	0.9	−0.2
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	51.1	50.6	51.9	0.5	−0.8	1.0	−1.5
Primary Metal Industries	41.1	40.2	42.3	0.9	−1.2	2.2	−2.8
Fabricated Metal Products	140.9	140.7	145.6	0.2	−4.7	0.1	−3.2
Machinery except Electrical	230.6	231.8	239.1	−1.2	−8.5	−0.5	−3.6
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	398.5	400.0	403.0	−1.5	−4.5	−0.4	−1.1
Transportation Equipment	294.0	292.8	277.4	1.2	16.6	0.4	6.0
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	35.0	34.7	33.7	0.3	1.3	0.9	3.9
Aircraft and Parts	155.4	154.9	142.3	0.5	13.1	0.3	9.2
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	18.1	17.5	17.7	0.6	0.4	3.4	2.3
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	74.2	74.2	72.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	2.2
Other Transportation Equipment	11.3	11.5	11.1	−0.2	0.2	−1.7	1.8
Instruments and Related Products	109.7	110.1	107.4	−0.4	2.3	−0.4	2.1
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.2	36.9	38.9	0.3	−1.7	0.8	−4.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	559.4	555.5	560.7	3.9	−1.3	0.7	−0.2
Transportation	320.9	315.8	317.5	5.1	3.4	1.6	1.1
Railroads	23.2	23.2	24.9	0.0	−1.7	0.0	−6.8
Trucking and Warehousing	130.0	129.0	127.4	1.0	2.6	0.8	2.0
Other Transportation	167.7	163.6	165.2	4.1	2.5	2.5	1.5
Communications	158.5	159.5	164.3	−1.0	−5.8	−0.6	−3.5
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	80.0	80.2	78.9	−0.2	1.1	−0.2	1.4
Wholesale Trade	682.9	680.9	660.6	2.0	22.3	0.3	3.4
Retail Trade	1,983.5	1,969.0	1,892.5	14.5	91.0	0.7	4.8
General Merchandise Stores	236.7	233.7	231.4	3.0	5.3	1.3	2.3
Food Stores	276.6	273.6	269.8	3.0	6.8	1.1	2.5
Other Retail Trade	1,470.2	1,461.7	1,391.3	8.5	78.9	0.6	5.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	717.3	716.4	703.5	0.9	13.8	0.1	2.0
Finance	354.7	355.0	347.8	−0.3	6.9	−0.1	2.0
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	192.0	191.5	187.1	0.5	4.9	0.3	2.6
Real Estate	152.3	151.8	150.9	0.5	1.4	0.3	0.9
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.3	18.1	17.7	0.2	0.6	1.1	3.4
Services	2,663.0	2,648.7	2,568.4	14.3	94.6	0.5	3.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	154.1	155.9	141.9	−1.8	12.2	−1.2	8.6
Personal Services	122.3	120.8	114.1	1.5	8.2	1.2	7.2
Business Services	666.6	663.7	641.8	2.9	24.8	0.4	3.9
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	164.8	164.3	157.1	0.5	7.7	0.3	4.9
Motion Pictures	82.8	82.0	81.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0
Amusement and Recreation Services	121.8	123.8	115.6	−2.0	6.2	−1.6	5.4
Health Services	628.1	625.7	616.5	2.4	11.6	0.4	1.9
Other Services	722.7	712.5	699.6	10.2	23.1	1.4	3.3
Government	1,692.6	1,627.4	1,684.7	65.2	7.9	4.0	0.5
Federal Government	340.3	341.4	332.6	−1.1	7.7	−0.3	2.3
State and Local Governments	1,352.3	1,286.0	1,352.1	66.3	0.2	5.2	0.0
County	229.4	235.3	220.9	−5.9	8.5	−2.5	3.8
City	199.0	207.9	191.7	−8.9	7.3	−4.3	3.8
Education	650.4	568.6	668.8	81.8	−18.4	14.4	−2.8
Education State	136.9	130.9	133.8	6.0	3.1	4.6	2.3
Education Local	513.5	437.7	535.0	75.8	−21.5	17.3	−4.0
Other State and Local	273.5	274.2	270.7	−0.7	2.8	−0.3	1.0
State exc ed	179.4	179.6	177.3	−0.2	2.1	−0.1	1.2
Special District	94.1	94.6	93.4	−0.5	0.7	−0.5	0.7
Total Agriculture	448.3	401.6	497.0	46.7	−48.7	11.6	−9.8

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
AUGUST 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,801,700	11,868,600	933,100	7.3
Alameda	592,100	549,075	43,025	7.3
Alpine	450	400	50	10.5
Amador	8,075	7,450	625	7.7
Butte	67,650	61,375	6,275	9.3
Calaveras	8,275	7,400	875	10.6
Colusa	8,725	7,975	750	8.7
Contra Costa	348,525	326,950	21,575	6.2
Del Norte	6,900	6,025	875	12.8
El Dorado	47,100	44,200	2,900	6.2
Fresno	313,100	279,800	33,300	10.6
Glenn	11,200	9,750	1,450	12.9
Humboldt	48,025	43,500	4,525	9.4
Imperial	49,300	28,250	21,050	42.7
Inyo	9,650	8,950	700	7.3
Kern	223,300	199,600	23,700	10.6
Kings	31,775	27,625	4,150	13.1
Lake	19,350	17,425	1,925	10.0
Lassen	9,000	8,200	800	8.8
Los Angeles	3,898,000	3,620,000	278,000	7.1
Madera	34,450	30,550	3,900	11.3
Marin	124,500	119,775	4,725	3.8
Mariposa	5,450	5,025	425	7.8
Mendocino	33,625	30,700	2,925	8.7
Merced	75,675	67,575	8,100	10.7
Modoc	5,150	4,750	400	7.7
Mono	5,050	4,575	475	9.6
Monterey	154,200	140,900	13,300	8.6
Napa	41,900	38,500	3,400	8.1
Nevada	24,075	22,125	1,950	8.1
Orange	1,320,300	1,262,600	57,700	4.4
Placer	63,700	59,300	4,400	6.9
Plumas	7,625	6,875	750	9.9
Riverside	294,500	262,400	32,100	10.9
Sacramento	419,500	390,200	29,300	7.0
San Benito	14,725	12,950	1,775	12.0
San Bernardino	382,800	354,500	28,300	7.4
San Diego	907,400	853,900	53,500	5.9
San Francisco	397,050	370,925	26,125	6.6
San Joaquin	186,300	165,800	20,500	11.0
San Luis Obispo	78,450	73,950	4,500	5.7
San Mateo	331,375	316,600	14,775	4.5
Santa Barbara	168,400	158,300	10,100	6.0
Santa Clara	893,000	839,600	53,400	6.0
Santa Cruz	104,200	95,700	8,500	8.2
Shasta	53,350	47,025	6,325	11.8
Sierra	1,100	975	125	10.6
Siskiyou	16,600	14,325	2,275	13.7
Solano	104,775	96,850	7,925	7.6
Sonoma	158,000	147,600	10,400	6.6
Stanislaus	144,000	125,800	18,200	12.7
Sutter	25,225	22,400	2,825	11.2
Tehama	16,225	14,200	2,025	12.5
Trinity	5,450	4,875	575	10.4
Tulare	126,750	110,650	16,100	12.7
Tuolumne	16,275	14,825	1,450	8.9
Ventura	277,400	251,500	25,900	9.3
Yolo	59,000	55,000	4,000	6.8
Yuba	23,425	20,675	2,750	11.8

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.